

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SANTA BARBARA SUPPORTING THE  
HIGHWAY 101 HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE  
WIDENING PROJECT AS SANTA BARBARA  
COUNTY'S HIGHEST REGIONAL  
TRANSPORTATION PRIORITY FOR FEDERAL  
FUNDING

WHEREAS, Highway 101 is one of only two north-south interregional highways between Los Angeles and San Francisco and serves all traffic when Interstate 5 is closed during periods of inclement weather and other emergencies;

WHEREAS, Highway 101 is the primary arterial for the Central Coast region of California and is vital to the local, state and national economy;

WHEREAS, Highway 101 is part of the Strategic Highway Network System for National Defense and the National Truck Network System for the movement of goods and freight;

WHEREAS, the four-lane segment of Highway 101 south of the City of Santa Barbara creates a traffic bottleneck connecting two six lane segments to the north and south;

WHEREAS, the four-lane segment of Highway 101 carries more than 100,000 daily vehicle trips resulting in recurring traffic congestion and hundreds of hours of daily trip delays for the movement of people and goods, lost productivity, and high traffic collision rates;

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments Board of Directors has designated the widening of Highway 101 six-lanes to add northbound and southbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes to be the highest regional priority for transportation funding;

WHEREAS, the voters of Santa Barbara County overwhelmingly approved Measure A by a 79% margin in November 2008 to continue a countywide ½ cent sales tax for transportation infrastructure improvements;

WHEREAS, the Measure A investment plan commits \$140 million in local tax funds towards the Highway 101 HOV Widening Project; and

WHEREAS, completing the Highway 101 HOV Widening Project is in the national interest and requires the financial partnership of the Federal Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA THAT the City supports the Highway 101 HOV Widening Project as Santa Barbara County's Highest Regional Transportation Priority for Federal Funding.